

# The Hongkong Telegraph.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1891.

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THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... \$2,000,000.

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital ..... \$1,000,000

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THE Head Office now receives Money on deposit and makes advances on Goods in neutral Godowns, and upon other securities, on terms to be had on application.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1891. [1156]

## Insurances.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, ESTABLISHED 1835.

INVESTED FUNDS ..... \$7,000,000 Sig. ANNUAL INCOME ..... \$900,000 Sig.

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The Standard is an old and wealthy Scotch

Office, well-known throughout India and the

East, and has acquired a marked character for

sound and liberal management.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rate and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

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Hongkong, 31st March, 1891. [1144]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000.

EQUAL TO ..... \$83,333.33

RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1883. [1173]

NOTICE.

THE MAN. ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRANT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 18th February, 1882. [1145]

## Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE WILLARD OPERA COMPANY  
WILL BE OPEN FOR A SHORT SEASON,

on SATURDAY, the 3rd October,

In the Great Farce Comedy,

DR. BILL,

as played at the Avenue Theatre, London with such enormous success.

PRICES.

Dress Circle and Central Stalls ..... \$3.00

Stalls ..... 2.00

Back Seats ..... 1.00

Military and Navy half-price to back Seats only.

Doors open at 8.30, to commence at 9 p.m.

Box Plan, now open at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S LIMITED, Hongkong, 24th September, 1891. [1244]

## Intimations.

**W. POWELL & CO.**

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST SHIPMENTS OF AUTUMN DRESS MATERIALS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1891. [16]

**CARMICHAEL & Co., Ltd.**

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

SCIENTIFIC BOOKS—NAUTICAL, ENGINEERING, and ELECTRICAL OUTFITTING—A select, but inexpensive Stock.

SMOKERS' REQUISITES in great variety.

AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND and CANADIAN DAIRY PRODUCE.

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A N. ANTISEPTIC PAINT for the Preservation of Wood, Walls, Ropes and Ship's Tackles. May be applied to Beams, Floors, Walls, etc., Wooden Ornaments, Eaves, Roofs, Wooden Sheds, Farmers' and Gardeners' Implements, Carts, Posts, Fences, Stables, Gates, Bridges, Boats, and all Timber underground.

Effectually excludes all dampness from walls painted with it and entirely prevents the crumbling away and decay of both stone and bricks.

White ants do not touch wood painted with Carbolineum Avenarius.

Used during the last 14 years with the utmost success, as proved by numerous Testimonials from living authorities.

Sold in casks of about 450 lbs. net, Price 8 cents per lb.

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SCHIELE & Co., Sole Agents,

No. 16, Stanley Street, Hongkong, and December, 1891. [1244]

SELAMA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

T HE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company's Room No. 6, Connaught House, on SATURDAY, the 10th October, at 1 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th September to 10th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. HUTTON POTTS, Secretary, Hongkong, 22nd September, 1891. [1244]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

N O TICE is hereby given that the Eighteenth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th October next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1890, and for the half year ending 30th June, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 1st to 10th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. J. SAUNDERS, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, 25th September, 1891. [1250]

VICTORIA EMPORIUM, 6 & 8 LYNDHURST TERRACE.

HUMBER SAFETY BICYCLES—HART-CYCLE SAFETY BICYCLES, RUDGE SAFETY BICYCLES.

MACHINES of all sizes, fitted with all the latest improvements.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1891. [1242]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

TO AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS.

N O TICE is hereby given that all AERATED

WATER BOTTLES and SYPHONS bearing the Company's Name and Trade Mark are its property solely, and that any Manufacturer using the same or any Person or Persons other than the Customers of the Firm found in possession of the same will be proceeded against as the law directs.

A. H. MANCELL, Secretary, Hongkong, 18th August, 1891. [1222]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

T HE KOWLOON RANGES, being required by the men of the Navy, from 2nd to 5th instant, inclusive, will not be available for practice during that period, except before 3 p.m.

The weekly Competitions will be resumed on SATURDAY, the 3rd prox.

J. ANDERSON, Acting Hon. Secretary, Hongkong,



back, when the attack was renewed by the mob largely re-enforced.

The army standards were captured and broken and the uniforms of many of the men were torn to pieces, while many of the ladies saluted and had to be removed on stretchers. Scores of persons were injured.

The crowd finally broke into the barracks and wrecked everything they could lay their hands on. Later on, in the day the police drove the roughs out of the barracks and managed to restore order.

The *St. James' Gazette* this evening holds that the submission of the Porte to Russia's demands, establishes a precedent which permits Russian war ships to use the passage of the Dardanelles as they please, while the war ships of other nations must not enter those straits. This news, therefore, according to the paper, is by far the gravest published for sometime.

The *Standard* suggests that the Sultan's action in regard to Russia and the Dardanelles may be due to plien and irritation at England's refusal to reopen the Egyptian negotiations. It says: "Since that refusal it is reported that the English Ambassador has not been received at Yildiz Kiosk. It is for the Powers to consider what course to adopt to enforce the observance of existing treaties. Clearly the Straits must be closed to all nations or open to all nations. England cannot alone champion the rights of the Powers."

September 1st.

Violent gales and rainstorms continue to sweep over Great Britain and Ireland. Dispatches from Dublin state that the crops throughout the province of Ulster are in a pliable condition, and that in many parts of Ulster and elsewhere they are almost entirely submerged. In other sections the crops are completely destroyed.

Off Ilfracombe, near Barnstable, Devonshire, to-day, during one of the many gales which have swept over these islands recently, a passenger steamer having 100 passengers on board had a narrow escape from destruction. A succession of heavy seas struck her, sweeping the decks, smashing in the saloon skylights and pouring tons of water down the companion ways. So severe was the pounding the steamer received by the waves that many passengers were severely injured, of which number six are in a precarious condition. In the Mersey, a fishing smack was foundered and all hands lost. On the south coast of England there have been several wrecks. Last night the Government cutter *Beaufort* was stranded off Gravesend.

DANTZIC, September 1st.

At a conference here to-day of 300 delegates from the various German Catholic societies, it was decided to promote an International Catholic congress, the object of which would be to discuss the restoration of the Pope's temporal power. It was also decided to take steps to commemorate the Pope's birthday, March 2nd, by the erection of a monument at Meissen, Hanover, to the memory of the late Dr. Windthorst, formerly the leader of the Centre party in the Reichstag and the recognised head of the Roman Catholic party in Germany.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 1st.

It is officially announced that the Imperial Bank has been empowered to make a temporary issue of notes to the amount of 25,000,000 rubles.

VIENNA, September 1st.

Prince Nicholas of Montenegro, who is suffering from throat affection, is now in a critical condition. He has frequent choking fits and there is a physician in constant attendance, ready to perform the operation of laryngotomy in case of necessity.

HALIFAX (N.S.), September 1st.

Eight members of the crew of the British steamer *Dunmerry* of Belfast, from New York for Antwerp with grain, lost their lives on Saturday through the capsizing of the vessel in a hurricane.

Captain McMaron, her commander, and the other nineteen survivors were landed here to-night by the German oil-tark steamer *Hanskrus*, from New York for Rotterdam. The *Dunmerry* left New York last Wednesday, and at 4:15 o'clock on Saturday morning ran into a terrific hurricane from the east southeast. The storm came up with great fury, and within fifteen minutes the steamer was thrown upon her beam ends, in which position she lay until noon and then sank.

BERLIN, September 2nd.

The *Hamburg Nachrichten*, referring to the Dardanelles question, says a war favoring British interests would fail, owing to the disapproval of the German people, and adds: "Many European questions exist on account of which it would be criminal frivolity to precipitate Germany into war."

The *Vossische Zeitung* merely refers to the rumour that the British fleet is about to watch the Dardanelles, and adds: "The Powers will never consent to Russia's ignoring the treaty."

VIENNA, September 2nd.

The *Deutsch Zeitung* says: Since the visit of the French fleet to Constance the international situation has been greatly modified. The German Emperor no longer seeks to visit the Czar. Unrest pervades Europe. The meeting of the Emperor William and Emperor Francis Joseph thus acquires greater import than it would otherwise have had.

The official *Athenaeum* seen in the presence of the Emperor William and King of Saxony at the Austrian maneuvers contained proof of the firmness and the spirit of the Dreibund.

EDINBURGH, September 2nd.

The recent storms which swept over the British Isles half ruined the crops throughout Scotland, and the harvest is at a complete standstill.

DUBLIN, September 2nd.

The River Barrow, in Waterford, has overflowed. Thousands of acres of land are flooded, crops are destroyed and houses, barns and other buildings swept away.

OTTAWA, September 2nd.

The Speaker of the Commons has issued an order for the arrest of Andro Seneca, Superintendent of the Government Printing Bureau, who failed to appear at the bar of the House, as ordered August 27th. It is estimated that during his term of office Seneca received \$50,000 from those who supplied goods to the Government.

#### THE THREATENED RIOT AT FOOCHOW.

##### MEETING OF RESIDENTS AT THE CLUB.

On Wednesday morning, September 23rd, the British Consul (Mr. G. Phillips) invited each member of the Foochow Club to meet him at the Club-house on that evening, to discuss the advisability of forming a Volunteer Corps for defence, in view of expected riots.

Whilst the members were assembling, the Consul inquired of the Imperial Maritime Customs' officers present if they were allowed to bear arms. Mr. Drummond, in reply, said, he thought the question had been decided in Shanghai, and that they were allowed to do so. Mr. Phillips then took the chair, and asked the meeting if the community would form a Volunteer Corps, as he had received information which led him to suppose there was a likelihood of rebellion or rioting, and in the event of this taking place, it was as well to be prepared to defend our lives and property.

Mr. Walkinshaw proposed "That a Volunteer Corps be formed of the community, M.B.M.'s Consul, Mr. G. Phillips, to be com-

manding officer, a list of subscribers to be arranged circulated to all members of the community, and the choice of the other officers to be left to such subscribers."

Mr. Walkinshaw said he considered this a most important movement, and having been an eye witness of the Taiping rebellion, he well knew a few determined armed men could scatter a lawless mob intent on plunder. He considered it far better to endeavour to quell a disturbance in the beginning than to allow rioters to gain confidence. Our ancestors in India and elsewhere banded themselves together to protect life and property. Volunteer corps had been formed in Canton and Hankow to meet the emergency, and he considered that if we took this step, it would give confidence to the Cantonese and friendly natives. He believed affairs in the City were in a very tottering state, and that the mandarins were almost panic-stricken, fearing that the soldiers under their command might mutiny and join the rebels. If this should happen, nothing would be easier than to kill the mandarins, and a mob from the city come over to this side of the river to plunder foreign property (applause).

Dr. Gracy, U.S. Consul, in seconding the proposition, said he believed a small organized force would frighten ten times its number of natives, and that the moral effect of forming a Volunteer corps would be very great.

Mr. Siemsen remarked that although the corps would be of great value, he considered we should have a machine gun, which could be stationed on the hill at the Club, or elsewhere, to command the bridge over which the rabbles from the city must pass. He had that morning spoken to the captain of H.M.S. *Plover* on the subject, who was quite willing to lend us a Gatling gun, and send two men up to work it, if necessary. He also thought that a few members of the community should also learn how to use the gun.

The Chairman briefly explained that, according to Treaty, the Government could not allow these of a machine gun, and that if a single Chinaman was shot while crossing the bridge we should be guilty of murder.

Mr. H. Skeett Rogers said that on a former occasion, men were landed from German and American men-of-war, which was distinctly contrary to Treaty rights. On that same occasion the English commander said that he could not land any men.

Mr. Siemsen again insisted on the necessity of having a machine gun and said that it would be better to run the risk of being charged with murder, than to stand idle and let a mob murder the foreign community.

Dr. Gracy then confirmed Mr. Rogers' remarks, and said that a few days previously he had asked the captain of the U.S. gun-boat *Plover* this same question, and the reply was, that he could only land men to defend the U.S. consulate, but that if there was serious trouble he would do his best to defend any and everybody. Strictly speaking he could only land men at the United States compound, but if a decided attack was made on the place, he would defend any nationality.

Mr. Siemsen regretted that his remarks on the machine gun had been somewhat misunderstood. The presence of such a gun, ready for use, would be a terror to the natives; but still he had no wish to open hostilities with the Chinese Government.

M. Frandon, Consul for France, said that, of course, we could not shoot on a mob, but if the mob destroyed the Church or other property we should be in the right, and the machine gun would then command respect. If any one wanted rifles, many could be bought from the Chinese at \$6 each.

"This causing some amusement in the room, M. Frandon remarked that \$6 was not an exorbitant price, as a military rifle cost about \$3 to make."

Mr. Rogers said this seemed a clear case of "bell-the-cat"; the community was formerly looked upon as a British colony; but now it was decidedly cosmopolitan, and to ask our Consul to land men was absurd.

Mr. Walkinshaw remarked that he considered it a disgrace to be wiped out without a stand, and quoted the well known lines from Sir Walter Scott:

"Not though destruction o'er the land  
Comes pouring as a flood,  
The sun, that sees our falling day,  
Shall mark our stroke deadly sway,  
And put us right in blood."

Mr. Lyall asked the Chairman to give some facts or reason for calling this meeting, and said that there were often anti-foreign rumours, and placards posted.

The Chairman said he would refer Mr. Lyall to his chief, the Commissioner of Customs, from whom the information had been received. He could give no information; the officials in the city were well aware of the state of affairs and with many thousands of men under their control had doubtless taken every precaution to save their own necks.

The cholera is less destructive in the city. I rarely see a coffin now. But in the country villages south-west of Socchow there are many deaths.—*N. C. Daily News*.

arrived from Ningpo by junks, and further large supplies are known to be due before the end of the moon.

The season for fires has set in rather earlier than usual. Another conflagration took place on Saturday night last, when about one hundred houses were destroyed. Luckily no lives were lost, which is not often the case when a fire breaks out during the night.

Native teams of our acquaintance inform us that the profits they have made out of common tea will not go half-way towards covering the losses they sustained on their finest grades. They are greatly put out this season to find that the high district teas realize such a comparatively small advance—on those from the low districts, and declare that the business in fine kinds is not worth following. They assure us emphatically that next season's supply of Congou will show a further falling off of fifty thousand chests.

The uneasy feeling at the Pagoda Anchorage continues. It commenced on Saturday on the strength of some disquieting rumours that something was going to happen at the Arsenal. What is this something? We cannot find out, unless it is that Mr. Brewitt-Taylor's time is being up at the end of the month he is leaving, though this would scarcely account for the necessity of the ladies of the community sleeping on board steamers instead of in their comfortable houses. If there is any real foundation for the ugly rumours flying about, it is kept a profound secret.

Happily the trial examinations have passed without trouble of any kind, for which great credit is due to the Salt Commissioner, into whose hands the whole of the arrangements and supervision were committed. Our information is to the effect that he was most strict, and particular in seeing that all his orders were carried out to the letter, personally superintending many of the details of management. The students had nothing to complain of, sufficient allowance of good food was served out to each, and comfortable quarters were found for all. The only blot to the highly satisfactory manner in which the arrangements were carried out was the attempt at "queering" by the Commissioner's Secretary. He was severely punished, and dismissed in the presence of all the students. This large assembly of candidates for honour began to disperse at the beginning of the week and all have now left the city.

Disturbances in the country seem to be the order of the day. Last week we reported what had taken place in the Hing Hwa district, and now we have to record more serious troubles at Tong Lok, village about a day's journey by boat from Foochow. They originated through some misunderstanding amongst the villagers, which resulted in a fierce fight. The magistrate, on hearing of it, hastened to the scene of disorder with a small detachment of his men in order to restore peace, but instead of doing so, the mob turned on him and he had to run for his life, leaving his chair behind him, which was smashed to pieces. His staff were severely beaten and several of them were badly hurt. The Viceroy on getting this news despatched 1,000 soldiers from the Min-guan garrison. The mob attempted to make a stand, but were driven back and afterwards fled in all directions. Numerous arrests were made, and several houses were destroyed by fire, but whether by the soldiers or the mob is not stated. The troops are still quartered in the village awaiting orders. The inhabitants of this village are chiefly house-builders and carpenters by trade, and having the reputation of being habitually a rowdy lot, they will not meet with much mercy at the hands of the authorities.—*Echo*.

#### SOOCHOW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

23rd September, 1891.

The usual drilling of the soldiers is now going on with diligence. Sharp proclamations on the gates along the streets have been recently posted and not in vain, as foreigners have found when recently going through the city at night to visit the sick. They could not pass until the night watchmen were thoroughly satisfied as to who they were. The people do not seem to be excited. The *Shen-hua* is widely read and the news discussed in the teashops. But Chinkiang and Foochow seem a long way off to most of the people.

The *Fusili*, or Provincial Governor's force, is composed of two thousand five hundred men. About one third are *Anhui* men. The rest are from various places, a considerable proportion from Chinkiang and Kiangsu provinces; and a few are from Hunan.

I have been on the streets in various parts of the city during the last few days. There is the usual amount of calling "foreign devil" etc., but the city may fairly be said to be about as quiet as usual.

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#### FATAL ACCIDENT AT THE HONG-KONG DISPENSARY.

##### TWO COOTINS SUCCOCATED.

A fatal, and rather extraordinary incident occurred at the Hong Kong Dispensary this morning, through which two coolies lost their lives. It appears that an underground strong-room on the premises was completed yesterday and it was found necessary to have it thoroughly dried by artificial means, and with this object in view six charcoal fires were lighted and left in the room throughout the night, the door in the meantime being closed. This morning at seven o'clock Mr. Mancell had the door (one of Chubb's) opened, and at half past ten sent two men down to relight the fires so as to dry the room. Some time later Mr. Mancell heard an alarm from the room, and ran down the steps leading to the place but was almost overcome by the charcoal fumes, and had to retire. Upon looking down, however, he saw the two men lying at the bottom of the stairs apparently exhausted. Water was thrown down, and medical aid was immediately summoned. Doctor Bell, who was on the scene almost at once, did all that that patience and science could do towards effecting respiration, and worked unceasingly for an hour, but the unfortunate men were too far gone and the case was given up to hopeless. The bodies were removed to the Mortuary where an inquest will be held tomorrow. In connection with the rescuing of the bodies from the room, no small amount of praise is due to Sergeant McDonald for his gallant action in descending unhesitatingly, although the flames were overpowering. Two coolies with bandages tied over their faces, rescued the other body; their conduct also a worthy of recognition.

The Chairman then proposed:—

"That the Stewards are hereby empowered to spend a sum not exceeding \$16,000 in repairing and providing for increased accommodation on the Grand Stand."

Mr. R. E. Breton, in seconding, said they must do nothing at the expense of the lawn, which were the great attraction to a number of the people who attended the races, and he would suggest that the lawn be enlarged by throwing the lawn of "Bellevue" into that belonging to the Grand Stand. That would take away the hedge that shut out the view of the course so much, and they could put a simple fence in front and continue the rails right out to the end of "Bellevue," which would enable the Stewards to be empowered to carry out this alteration, and spend five or six thousand taels on the work. He might add that the existing stand was in excellent order and likely to last for many years. It wanted a little painting and repairing, but all the timbers and brickwork were sound, and it would be a pity to pull it down when a few thousand taels would make it a suitable stand.

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**Commercial.**

LATEST QUOTATIONS.  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—172 per cent.  
Prem. sellers.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton.—\$95 per share. buyers.  
China Traders' Insurance Company.—\$68 per share. sellers.  
North China Insurance.—Tls. 255 per share.  
sellers.  
Canton Insurance Company, Limited.—\$107 per share. sellers.  
Yangtze Insurance Association.—Tls. 70 buyers.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited.—Tls. 150 per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.—\$3175 per share. sellers.  
China Fire Insurance Company.—\$87 per share, sales and buyers.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.—\$85 per cent. premium. sellers.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$33 per share, sales and buyers.  
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—60 per share. sellers.  
Hongkong Gas Company.—\$131 per share. sellers.  
Hongkong Hotel Company.—\$65 per share. buyers.  
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s \$10 per cent. Debenture.—\$101.  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited.—30 per cent. discount, sales and buyers.  
Douglas Steamship Co. ex. div.—\$38 per share. sellers.  
China Super Refining Company, Limited.—\$16 per share. buyers.  
Luzon Super Refining Company, Limited.—\$5 per share. sellers.  
Hongkong Ice Company.—\$85 per share. sellers.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited.—\$75 per share.  
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited.—\$7 per share. sellers.  
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.—\$10 per share, ex. div. sales and buyers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of \$884 B.—2½ per cent. premium. sellers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C.—5 per cent. premium. buyers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E.—14 per cent. premium.  
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited.—\$104 per share. sellers.  
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited.—\$5 per share. nominal.  
Punjom and Sunghe Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$25 per share, sales and sellers.  
The Rango Gold Mining Co., Limited.—\$0.60 per share. buyers.  
Imuri Mining Co., Limited.—\$85 per share. sellers.  
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited.—\$4 per share. sellers.  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.—\$70 per share. sales and sellers.  
Tonquin Co. Mining Co.—\$305 per share, sales and buyers.  
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited.—\$61 per share. buyers.  
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited.—\$48 per share. buyers.  
Cruckshank & Co., Limited.—\$25 per share. nominal.  
The Steam Launch Co., Limited.—nominal.  
The Austin Arms' Oil and Building Company, Limited.—\$10 per share. sellers.  
The China-Borneo Co., Limited.—\$10 per share. sales.  
The Hong Kong Brick and Cement Co., Limited.—\$12 per share. sellers.  
The Greek Island Cement Co.—\$10 per share. sellers.  
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited.—\$76 per share. sales and sellers.  
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited.—\$41 per share. sellers.  
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.—\$13 per share. sellers.  
The West Point Buildings Co., Limited.—\$26 per share. sellers.  
The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited.—\$4 per share. sellers.  
The Labuk Planting Co., Limited.—\$10 per share. sellers.  
The Jelelo Mining and Trading Co., Limited.—\$1 per share. sales.  
The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited.—5 cents per share. sellers.  
The Shamen Hotel Co., Limited.—nominal.  
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited.—\$14 per share. sellers.  
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$15 per share. sellers.  
The Bank of China, Japan and the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$17 per share. sellers.  
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$15. sellers.  
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—45 per cent. dis. sales and buyers.  
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$18 per share. sales and buyers.

**EXCHANGES.**  
ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. .... 3/8  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/8  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/8  
Credits at 4 months' sight ..... 3/8  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/8  
ON PARIS—  
Bank, Bills, on demand ..... 3/9  
Credits, at 3 months' sight ..... 4/7  
On Indis, T. T. .... 2/2  
On Demand ..... 2/2  
ON SHANGHAI—  
Bank, T. T. .... 7/8  
Private, 30 days' sight ..... 7/8

**MAILS EXPECTED.**

**THE GERMAN MAIL.**  
The Norddeutscher Lloyd Co.'s steamer *Savoy*, with the German mail dated Berlin 1st instant, left Singapore on the 27th instant and may be expected here on the 2nd proximo.  
**THE INDIAN MAIL.**  
The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan*, with the next Canadian mail from Vancouver, left Shanghai on the 28th instant at 4.30 p.m. and is due here on the 2nd proximo.

**STEAMERS EXPECTED.**

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Tahereh*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the afternoon of the 23d instant and may be expected here on the 29th.  
The Navigazione Generale Italiana steamer *Busko*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 24th instant and is expected here on the 1st proximo.  
The "B&I" line steamer *Bimble*, from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 24th instant and is due here on the 1st proximo.  
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Lombardy*, from Bombay on the 21st instant and is due here on the 8th proximo.

**CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.**

28th Sept., 1891.—At 4 p.m.									
STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Wind.	W.	Wind.	W.	Wind.	W.	Wind.
Whampoa	30° 00'	114° 00'	N	W.	N	W.	N	W.	N
Tai-poo	30° 00'	114° 00'	S	E	N	W.	N	W.	N
Swatow	29° 58'	115° 00'	NE	SW	SE	W.	SW	W.	SW
Amoy	29° 58'	115° 00'	NE	SW	SE	W.	SW	W.	SW
Keang	29° 58'	115° 00'	N	W.	N	W.	N	W.	N
Hongkong	29° 58'	115° 00'	S	E	N	W.	N	W.	N
Victoria Peak	29° 58'	115° 00'	S	E	N	W.	N	W.	N
Canton	29° 58'	115° 00'	S	E	N	W.	N	W.	N
Macao	29° 58'	115° 00'	E	NE	S	W.	N	W.	N
Holloway	29° 58'	115° 00'	S	E	N	W.	N	W.	N
Holphon	29° 58'	115° 00'	S	E	N	W.	N	W.	N
Manila	29° 58'	115° 00'	S	E	N	W.	N	W.	N
Cape St. James	29° 58'	115° 00'	S	E	N	W.	N	W.	N

Per *Borelli*, sir., from Singapore, &c.—150 Chinese.

**REPORTS.**

The British steamship *Diamonds* reports that she left Manilla on the 26th instant. Had fresh breeze with fine weather.  
The British steamship *Copack* reports that she left Foochow on the 27th instant. Had light variable winds and calms throughout.  
The British steamship *Hawthornes* reports that she left Waho on the 23rd instant, and Swatow on the 28th. The first part of the voyage had strong winds and rain, and the latter part light winds and fine weather.  
The German steamship *Ly-a-moon* reports that she left Shanghai on the 25th instant. Had light south-west wind from Steep Island to Tong-tung. From Tong-yang to Ockieu light north-east wind. From Ockieu to Lamnicks light north-west wind.

**Post Office.**

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Singapore.—*Oceans* to-morrow, the 30th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

For Singapore and London.—*Copack* tomorrow, the 30th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Swatow and Shanghai.—*Tadra* tomorrow, the 20th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Holloway, Saigon, Singapore, Batavia Samarang and Sourabaya.—*Jorno* tomorrow, the 30th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Holloway and Haiphong.—*Presto* tomorrow, the 30th instant at 5.00 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Taiwanfu.—*Salas* on Thursday, the 1st proximo, at 10.30 A.M.

For Europe, &c., &c., India via Bombay.—*Cashay* on Thursday, the 1st October, at 11.00 A.M.

For Saigon.—*P. Holstens* on Thursday, the 1st October, at 4.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—*Verona* on Friday, the 2nd October, at 11.30 A.M.

For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—*Wingtsang* on Friday, the 2nd October, at 11.30 A.M.

For Europe, &c., Australia; India; via Madras, and Mauritius.—*P. Sydney* on Wednesday, the 9th October, at 11.00 A.M.

For Yokohama, and San Francisco.—*City of Rio de Janeiro* on Thursday, the 8th October, at 9.30 A.M.

For Liverpool, and London via Li-verpool.—*Firebrand*, gunboat, 2nd-class, 45 tons, 460 horse-power, 4 guns, Lieutenant Commander J. Denison. *Fochow*.

*Hyacinth*, cruiser, 3rd-class, 1,420 tons, 1,100 h.p., 8 guns, Captain R. W. Craigie.

*Impudent*, cruiser, 1st-class, 8,400 tons, 10,020 horse-power, 10 guns, Captain Edward S. Poe, *Napaki*.

*Leander*, cruiser, 2nd-class, 4,300 tons, 5,500 h.p., 10 guns, Captain Burges Watson.

*Mercury*, cruiser, 3,730 tons, 7,200 horse-power, 13 guns, Captain Chas. J. Balfour, *Shanghai*.

*Peacock*, gunboat, 1st-class, 750 tons, 1,200 horse-power, 6 guns, Lieutenant Commander J. Ingam, *Wuhu*.

*Pigmy*, gunboat, 755 tons, 1,200 horse-power, 6 guns, Lieutenant Commander Hewett, *Macao*.

*Plover*, gunboat, 1st-class, 755 tons, 1,200 horse-power, 6 guns, Lieutenant Commander E. G. Rason, *Fauchon*.

*Rattler*, gunboat, 1st-class, 715 tons, 1,200 h.p., 6 guns, Lieutenant Commander J. G. Heugh, *Singapore*.

*Redpole*, gunboat, 1st-class, 805 tons, 1,200 horse-power, 6 guns, Lieutenant Commander F. Wm. Freeman, *Chinkiang*.

*Severn*, cruiser, 4,450 tons, 6,000 horse-power, 12 guns, Captain Wm. H. Hall, *Shanghai*.

*Solen*, torpedo mining launch, 150 tons, on a cruise.

*Swift*, gun-boat, 2nd-class, 756 tons, 1,000 h.p., 5 guns, Commander Robt. D. B. Bruce, *Hawick*.

*Tweed*, gunboat, 3rd-class, 363 tons, 340 h.p., 3 guns, in reserve.

*Victor*, Emanuel receiving ship, 5,157 tons, 14 guns, Commodore E. J. Church, *Hongkong*.

*Wolverine*, Coast Defence ship (armoured), 2,750 tons, 1,450 h.p., 4 guns, in reserve.

GENERAL WERDER, German steamer, 1,810 B. Blanke, 25th Sept., *Yokohama* 13th Sept., *Portsmouth*, 21st Sept., *General*—Arnold Karberg & Co.

ALWINE, British steamer, 1,514, W. H. Ellis, 25th Sept., *Kobe* 18th Sept., *General*—A. M. Field, Livingston & Co.

AVOCET, British steamer, 1,055, T. Rowlinson, 15th Sept., *Salon* 10th Sept., *Rice*—F. Melchers & Co.

CHIANG-CHUEN, British steamer, 1,213, Fred. Webb, 23rd Sept., *Saigon* 18th Sept., *Rice*—Sun Hui Chan.

COLLINGHAM, British steamer, 1,540, G. W. Watson, 26th Sept., *Katchinotra* 20th Sept., *Coals*—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

EDENDALE, British steamer, 1,566, R. Humphrey, 28th Sept., *Katchinotra* 22nd Sept., *Coals*—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

FAME, British steamer, 1,117, Lieut. Wm. G. Conley, R.N.R.—Hongkong Government tender.

GOPACK, British steamer, 1,730, D. Davies, 29th Sept., *Fochow* 27th Sept., *General*—Arnold Karberg & Co.

HORNBLADEN, British steamer, 1,528, G. Heuermann, 21st Sept., *Macao* 21st Sept., *General*—A. M. Field, Livingston & Co.

LAUNCHER, British steamer, 1,564, J. Thomas, 23rd Sept., *Probolingo* 13th Sept., *Sugar*—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MONOKUT, British steamer, 850, Geo. Anderson, 24th Sept., *Bangkok* 13th Sept., and Koh-chang 16th, *Rice* and *Wood*—Yuen Fat Hong.

NETHER, British steamer, 1,481, Clark, 29th Sept., *London* 18th August, and Singapore 24th September, *General*—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

PARTHA, British steamer, 2,035, Jno. Pantin, R.N.R., 11th Sept., *Vancouver* 20th Aug., *Portsmouth* 11th Sept., and *Shanghai* 9th General—Dowell, Carlill & Co.

REINER, British steamer, 1,564, J. Thomas, 23rd Sept., *Probolingo* 13th Sept., *Sugar*—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ROBERTSON, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, 3rd Sept., *Calcutta* 3rd Sept., *Penang* 13th, and Singapore 17th, *General*—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SAFETY, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, 3rd Sept., *Calcutta* 3rd Sept., *Penang* 13th, and Singapore 17th, *General*—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SHARON, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, 3rd Sept., *Calcutta* 3rd Sept., *Penang* 13th, and Singapore 17th, *General*—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SHEDWARD OSBORN, British steamer, 1,676, C. O. Medge, 25th Sept., *China Sea* 13th Sept., *Submarine Cable*—E. E. Telegraph Co.

TRIUMPH, German steamer, 674, J